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February 13, 2007

Madam Chairman and members of the committee:

My name is Jessica Stewart and I am a resident of Cascade County. I come here today to talk to you about the Summer Youth Employment Program. I am currently in the WIA (Workforce Investment Act program for youth) This program has helped me in so many ways. I am a single mom of a 7 month old little boy. I am also a TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) participant. TANF is not enough to live on and get my son the things he need or things I need. The WIA Program has allowed me to work 40 hours a week making minimum wage so I can survive and bring in extra income. It also had offered a great deal of experience for me that will help me get a better paying job. I have also learned some life skills that will help me through out my life and have helped me take care of my son. The WIA program has also been there when I needed an advocate or just a simple question answered. With the Summer WIA program I hope to continue my training and hopefully find a good paying job with the knowledge I have learned. I hope you take this in to consideration and please put the Summer WIA program in place and put more money back into the program. So young adults can succeed in the world today and have proper training it take to have jobs that pay well.

Thank you for your time

Jessica Stewart
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Jackie,

I would like to start w/ a nice
big Thank You! Thanks for everything you
have done for not only ~~me~~, but my family
too. When I started working through
you I was young & lazy, but as time
went on the work scene just grew
on me. You and your program helped
me see that its not the end of the world
if school is not for you. You can learn
something new everyday, I would have
never imagined 8 years ago that I would
work for a multi-Billion dollar Cooperation
such as Nabors Well Service. Everyday
in the field was extreme, it would
push you to the next level. What I'm
saying is you and the program helped me set
the foundation to a great work ethic.
I have now moved to Missoula to be
w/ my lovely girlfriend while she slowly
but surely becomes a Social Worker.
Finding a job up here was simple thanks
to my good work record. I'm working
for Hansen Concrete & consty and Landscaping
on the side. I have been applying online
with Nabors Drilling U.S.A. That is offshore
drilling rigs in Alaska, its somewhere
around \$600,000 @ mo. Its very dangerous
but they make sure you know whats
going on at all times. That is a goal of
mine though, well any ways I better let

you go. This letter is the least
Amount of thanks that you deserve,
but its the most I can give, until
the BIG Bucks! Thanks again Jack
I really do respect and appreciate everything
you do for Everyone you help.

Jeff Robert
Jeff J. Robert

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District 6 HRDL

To whom it may concern:

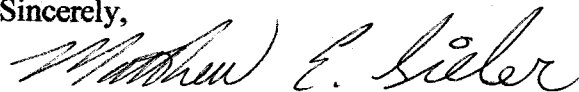
My name is Matthew Sieler and I am a sophomore at Montana State University, Billings Montana. At this time, I would like to say a few words about the help and assistance I have received from District VI H.R.D.C of Lewistown Montana. It is my hope that my comments will help to ensure that others will be able to obtain the aid and resources which have been of such benefit to me.

Living in the small rural town of Roy Montana, about 35 miles from Lewistown, there was not much opportunity for me to find even part time employment in my early high school years. Also, being the son of a widowed mother whose only income came from Social Security Survivors Benefits, I could not depend on family resources to provide the money I needed for a car and college savings. Fortunately, one day I was approached by my school superintendent, who first told me about H.R.D.C's work program.

After being enrolled in the program by Jackie Rammelt, the Employment & Training Case Manager, I was able to work full time throughout that summer doing maintenance and cleaning at the local high school. As a result of this employment, I was able to make enough to purchase my first vehicle, and when the summer was over I was able to work, under the same program, at the local service station after school and on weekends. By the time I graduated high school in 2002 I had managed not only to save enough money to get me started in college, but also to acquire mechanical skills that helped me easily find a part time job near the college.

Without the help of H.R.D.C and its programs it is very possible that I would not have been able to buy my own car, attend college, or gain valuable job skills; all accomplishments I am very proud of. I appreciate all the help I have received, and continue to receive, and implore you to take all possible measures to ensure that others have the chance to receive the same assistance.

Sincerely,



Matthew E. Sieler



DENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FERGUS COUNTY

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 84

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"Home of the Trojans"

March 30, 2000

To Whom it May Concern:

My Name is George Ihly. I am the Superintendent of schools at Denton Montana. I understand that there may not be funding for the HRDC summer youth program this year. Last year I had the opportunity to recommend a young man to the program and the Lewistown office was able to get him a job with the Forest Service in Stanford. This experience turned out to be one of the most beneficial experiences in one of our young men's lives. The person I am talking about worked on noxious weed control and fire control. His fire experience turned him on to a desire to become a seasonal firefighter. Just this week he was successful in getting a job with an inter-regional crew in California. The kid's self concept has really improved since being employed last year through HRDC.

I sincerely hope that anyone who has something to say about the funding of the program will consider all the good a program of this type can do for adolescents who without the program would not have a job.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

George Ihly
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Superintendent

Vikki Retterer
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February 12, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a single parent of two teenage daughters, Chelsie, who has been enrolled in the Youth Program for the past two years and is looking forward to enrolling again, and Justice who was new to the Youth Program this past year.

The Youth Program enabled both my daughters to obtain employment with businesses in town. Several businesses in town are not able to afford to hire a student for part-time help during the summer without the help of the HRDC Youth Program. Through this program, Chelsie and Justice learned what it means to have responsibility and have a good work ethic.

Chelsie and Justice are looking forward to working with the Youth Program again this summer. The Youth Program helps many teens find employment and by helping the employer with the wages, there are more opportunities for our teens.

Thank you,

Vikki Retterer

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WINNETT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1



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February 12, 2007

RE: HRDC
Summer Youth Program

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is in total support of the summer youth program that is available through the HRDC office in Lewistown, MT each year.

Our school district has been able to employ at least one youth from our community, if not more each summer and provide them with a summer job. For most of them, this is a first time job where they gain valuable life-skills that will prepare them for adulthood.

We wish to encourage the continued funding for this program, as it is a very valuable asset to youth in Montana.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Dr. Clay Dunlap
Supt.



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Hillcrest Elementary (406) 632-4361

Harlowton Public Schools

School District No. 16 — P. O. Box 288 — 304 Division — Harlowton, Montana 59036

February 8, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to support the HRDC summer work program. I believe that this program is very beneficial to many people. It helps the kids, the employer, and the community.

Statewide, HRDC employees around a 1000 young men and women every year. It also gives 60-70 students a job in our central Montana area. Many of these kids do not have a chance of getting a job without the help of HRDC. Many of the employers are unwilling to help these students out by offering them a job. The HRDC program allows poverty students to start to build up a working reference list as well as learn how to work. I believe that this is a very important lesson for all people.

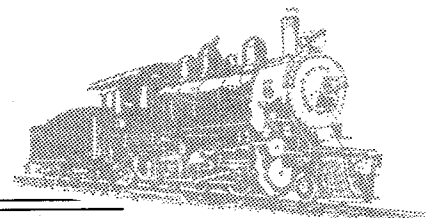
Harlowton Public Schools has a goal of preparing every child for the world of work, and when they get prepared they will have a positive effect on society. HRDC has a similar goal. This program teaches students to help themselves. It does not allow for them to wait for handouts and become dependent upon society. It teaches them job skills and holds the students accountable towards their actions.

I would recommend all the support you can give to this great program. If you would like to talk to me in person, my phone number is (406)632-4324.

Thank you for your time,

Andrew J. Begger
Superintendent
Harlowton Public Schools

"Home of the Engineers"



May 29, 2004

Honorable Board of Commissioners
Petroleum County
Winnett, MT 59087


Dear Commissioners:

I have been asked to write this letter by Jackie from the HRDC office in Lewistown. I have been able to have a summer job at the Petroleum County Conservation District/NRCS office in Winnett for two years now. This summer is my second year. HRDC funds projects I do, such as your county road measuring and mapping I did last year. She has informed me that the funding for this HRDC summer work program for kids my age has been severely cut back.

I am writing to ask your support in the future for this work program, as I feel it is really a worthwhile program. I attended a meeting in Lewistown this spring and discussed how this program could be improved in our towns. A short time later I learned that small town funding had been drastically cut in favor of larger cities.

I am not sure what we can do in support of this program in the future, but I wanted you to be aware of what is happening. Thank you for your time and concern.

Sincerely yours,



Chelsea McKenna
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cc: HRDC/Lewistown, MT

2-12-07

This program for our young men in our school, is very beneficial to Their education. They enjoy working with the public, while learning the in and outs of car workings, + also waiting on customers.

G. S. Oil Inc
Pearl Smith
Roy, Mt. 59471

Attn: Jackie

Roy Public School*Home of the Pirates***Roy Public School**

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500 Davis Street
Roy, MT 59471
(406) 464-2511

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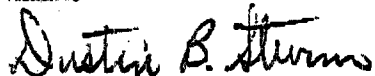
To Whom It May Concern,

During the past 6 years, the HRDC youth program has made a positive impact on the lives of a few Roy Students and I have seen first hand the change it has made for them. Jackie has worked with students and professionals in the community to coordinate the details. She has been great to work with and is always trying to do what is best for the students.

In our case, we had a few students who were undecided as to what they wanted to do after high school. In at least two cases, the students graduated from high school and went on to well on their own. These were at-risk students who needed guidance and discipline that this program requires. We owe the program a big thanks as well as our total support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Thanks



Dustin Sturm

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Date 10-11-06

OCT 16 2006

District Office

Dear Jackie,

I just wanted to start out by saying thank you for the tremendous help you have given me and my family throughout the years. I don't know where I would be if I didn't have HRDC in High School and College. I've learned so much in the years of work experience I received from your program. Not to mention the funds I have received in college for books and things I needed along the way. I think HRDC is a great program for disadvantaged kids to learn work ethics and make money during summer time. I am sorry this letter is so late, but I have had a lot of change in my life in the past couple months that I haven't had time,

Date _____

I hope this letter helps you and
the program stay around longer.

Thanks again And I will try to
keep in better touch.

Sincerely, Clinton C. Roberts
Clinton C. Roberts